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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yasutaka ITO, et al.

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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/926,092, filed DECEMBER 27, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**:
Application No. _____ Date Filed _____
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	MONTH/DAY/YEAR
Japan	11-377206	December 29, 1999
Japan	2000-000149	January 4, 2000

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. _____ filed _____
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/JP00/08154
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. _____ filed _____ ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
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